

## PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re Application of | : | Yves ROESCH  |
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| Filed                | : | with an effective filing date of July 28, 2003   |
| For                  | : | INTERLACING DEVICE FOR A PALLETIZING<br>MACHINE AND PALLETIZING MACHINE<br>EQUIPPED WITH ONE SUCH DEVICE |
| Group Art Unit       | : |  |
| Examiner             | : |  |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraphs 002, 003, 005, 009, 022 and 031 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-15, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 16-30 as follows.